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MEMORANDUM FOR AIDCO

Subject: Apprehension of Martin Bormann

- Enclosures: a. Memorandum from Mr. S. T. Olson to Mr. R. G. Ladd, subject, "Preliminary Report on Project 'Phoenix'", dated 21 May 1947
- b. Memorandum from Mr. R. G. Ladd to Colonel Galloway, via       , subject, "Martin Bormann", dated 29 May 1947.

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1. I recommend that the operational implementation of this project be postponed until research indicates a reasonable expectation of success. At the present time, I feel that the information at hand is so conflicting, so vague, and so unreliable that to undertake operations in any particular locality would be unjustified. If, after an examination of the material referred to in paragraph 4 of Mr. Ladd's memorandum, attached, we feel that evidence points to Argentina as a probable refuge, then the necessary steps can be taken.

2. I further invite your attention to the fact that operations which would involve physical search, inquiries and investigation in Argentina would be, under existing circumstances, indiscreet and, if uncovered by Argentine authorities, would be definitely embarrassing to the U.S. Government. I feel that it is essential that we know everything there is to be known on this subject and that the location of the subject is fairly well fixed within certain limits before undertaking the operations originally contemplated.

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